

CARRIAGE DRIVING IRELAND

DRIVING RULES

DEFINITIONS

- A member is a person who has been properly proposed and ratified by Council and whose fees are fully paid up to date. Driving members' insurance must also be paid.
- Members are Junior Members until the end of the year in which they attain their 18th birthday and must have at least one parent/guardian as a paid up adult member.
- All ages refer to the year (from 1st January to 31st December) in which that age is attained.
- Road carts are vehicles which have pneumatic tyres fitted on the wheels.
- Club events include combined driving, pleasure drives and all other activities except National Driving Trials as defined below.
- For the purposes of these rules and recommendations, animal means horse, pony, mule or donkey.
- The term turnout is used to cover an animal/animals harnessed to a vehicle.
- An enclosed area is a field, show ring or arena.
- A hard hat is a skull cap or hard hat with a flexible peak with a chin strap that must be kept fastened at all times. The following hats have CDI approval: EN 1384 with kite mark or SEI; PAS 015 with kite mark or SEI; ASTM F1163 with SEI. Hats with numbers 4472 and 6573 are no longer considered sufficiently safe.

1. ORGANISATION

- 1 i. The CDI Steward has the right to enforce the CDI rules and conditions specified in the schedule under which the event is running.
- 1 ii. For all except Club events, a schedule must be available to those Members who wish to enter.
- 1 iii. In the event of an accident at a CDAI fixture the association secretary must be informed in writing within seven days by the event organiser.
- 1 iv. All juniors (under 18) may be required to satisfy the Organiser/Judge of their competence.
- 1 v. The driving activities of the Association shall for the purposes of these rules be classified as follows:
 - a) International Driving Trials ~ To be run under the rules of the FEI.
 - b) National Two- or Three-Day Driving Trials ~ To be run under the rules of the FEI and/or the British Horse Driving Trials Association (hereafter called the BHDTA) rules except for:-
 - i. The permitted addition of a road cart class
 - ii. Vehicles for single horses in the cones competition must have a minimum track width of 138cms (This rule applies to all CDI Horse Driving Trials)
 - iii. The organiser can proceed with less than the required number of personnel/stewards as set down in the BHDTA rules due to the restriction of numbers available.
 - c) One-Day Driving Trials ~ To be run as above in (b) except the ages of junior drivers and grooms may be as below
 - d) Club events ~ which are all driving events except those specified above.

2. AGE OF DRIVER.

Junior members may drive at club events only when all the following conditions are fully complied with: -

- 2 i. The driver must be at least 10 years of age.
- 2 ii. The groom must be an experienced adult driver capable of taking complete control at all times.
- 2 iii. For juniors aged 10 to 12 years, the animal being driven must be 148cms or less and have already safely completed a minimum of four events and be known to the organiser.
- 2 iv. From the age of 16 years a junior driver may have a groom of 14 years of age with a pony of 148cms or less.
- 2 v. A junior member under 16 of age may only drive a single turnout.

A parental consent form must be obtained prior to the start of each event when the groom is not the child's parent.

3. AGE OF GROOM / PASSENGERS

- 3 i. Club Driving Trials: A junior aged 10 years may groom for an adult driver.
- 3 ii. A parent may take their own child from 6 years of age and over as groom in a non-competitive event when driving a pony 138cms or under.
- 3 iii. Grooms under the age of 14 may only groom for single turnouts.

4. ANIMAL WELFARE

- 4 i. No turnout may be left unattended at any time.
- 4 ii. No animal may be harnessed to a vehicle without wearing a driving bridle (with or without blinkers) with reins attached.
- 4 iii. No animal may be tethered to a fence, tree or other structure other than a horsebox or lorry.
- 4 iv. No animal may be left loose at any time, day or night.
- 4 v. All animals must be led by a competent person in the correct manner.
- 4 vi. Animals must not be required to pull too heavy a load.
- 4 vii. All animals must at all times be treated in a humane manner.
- 4 viii. Age of Animal ~ No three-year-old animal may compete in any marathon or pleasure drive. It may participate in a hoofmiles drive of not more than 8kms (5 miles).

5. EQUIPMENT

- 5 i. Drivers must bring their membership card to each event and produce it prior to taking part if requested to do so.
- 5 ii. A hard hat is the only form of headwear that is permitted for the marathon.
- 5 iii. A hard hat and suitable footwear must be worn at all times when riding.
- 5 iv. Junior grooms must wear hard hats at all times when in a vehicle (including all phases of One-Day Events and at all club events)
- 5 v. All vehicles must be sound and in proper working order and must not be loaded in a manner that makes them unsafe.
- 5 vi. Exercise carts or other vehicles with pneumatic tyres may be used for all club days and may be used in a confined class at a national event. As from 1st August, 2001 all Road Carts used in competition must have a minimum wheel width of 125cms. For marathons and cross-country drives, hackney show wagons and viceroys are not allowed.
- 5 vii. Harness must be suitable for the purpose for which it is being used and be in a sound, safe condition and be fitted correctly.
- 5 viii. A swingle tree must be fitted to the vehicle when a breast collar is used.
- 5 ix. The use of bitless bridles, bearing reins and check reins is prohibited except for hackneys in special classes or on road drives.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLEASURE/ROAD DRIVES

- 6 i. A sensible route using mainly minor roads should be planned in advance.
- 6 ii. A list of directions or a route map should be provided. These details may be given to the local gardai to ensure the closest co-operation.
- 6 iii. All major or potentially awkward crossings should be manned.
- 6 iv. Turnouts should be sent out either singly or in groups of not more than three, with intervals of three minutes between them.
- 6 v. If a turnout wishes to overtake another turnout, permission must be sought and given before the manoeuvre.
- 6 vi. All drivers need to be alert to traffic conditions and the rules of the road and should use hand signals.

7. CONDUCT

- 7 i. Common sense, concentration, courtesy and consideration must prevail at all times.
- 7 ii. Everyone attending any Driving Trial or Club Event must conduct themselves in a decent and respectable manner.
- 7 iii. All dogs to be kept on leads when not suitably confined whilst the competition or event is going on.
- 7 iv. All fields, car parks and the event area should be left in a clean and tidy condition.
- 7 v. The CDI steward is there for the benefit of the organiser, all drivers, helpers and friends and should be co-operated with at all times.

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